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TAGS: ETRD, EAGR, IV

SUBJECT: CAISSE DE STABILIZATION HALTS SALES OF COFFEE &  
COCOA

1. A RELIABLE LOCAL TRADE SOURCE REPORTS THAT THE IVORY COAST HAS BEEN OUT OF THE COFFEE MARKET FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS. SINCE THERE ARE VIRTUALLY NO STOCKS, THERE HAVE BEEN NO SALES FROM THE OLD CROP. NOR HAS THE CAISSE DE STABILIZATION STARTED SELLING THE NEW CROP (WHICH IS READY FOR EXPORT BEGINNING IN JANUARY) FORWARD AS IT NORMALLY DOES AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.

2. COCOA WAS BEING SOLD REGULARLY UNTIL THE CAISSE DROPPED OUT OF THE MARKET A MONTH AGO. THE DECISION TO STOP SELLING FORWARD COULD BE DUE TO THE RECENT POOR RAINFALL WHICH WILL DELAY THE CROP AND MAY CAUSE IT TO BE BELOW THE RECORD LEVELS WHICH MANY OBSERVERS WERE PREDICTING EARLIER IN THE SEASON.

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3. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT AT THE AUGUST 25 MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL (SEPTTEL), PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY STATED THAT SALES OF COFFEE AND COCOA HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT MIGHT INDICATE THAT THE SUSPENSION WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

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